active involvement of the State Governments. Special campaign would be launched by the MHRD, in association with State Governments, for willing Madrassa institutions to volunteer for assistance under the Scheme. The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) would launch a programme of linking with willing Madrassa institutions for imparting education in modern subjects and vocational education through open and distance learning mode, leading to appropriate certification of eligible and successful Madrassa students by the NIOS.

Vision Document 2015 on food processing industries

2882. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized a Vision Document 2015 on food processing industries to boost the growth of food processing sector;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether Government have identified strategy to realize the vision and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A Vision Document 2015 on Food Processing Industries has been finalized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), which envisages trebling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5 to 3% by 2015. To realise the vision, an estimated investment of Rs. 1.00 lakh crore will be required, out of which ten per cent would be from Government and the remaining would come equally from financial institutions and private investors/FDI.

Accordingly, an Integrated Strategy for Promotion of Agri-Business—Vision, Strategy and Action Plan for the Food Processing Sector formulated by this Ministry was considered by a Group of Ministers. The thrust areas identified for strategic intervention are as under:—

(i) Establishment of Mega Food Parks in identified clusters with appropriate backward and forward linkages.

(ii) Creation of integrated cold chains/value addition and preservation infrastructure.

(iii) Modernization of abattoirs.

(iv) Upgradation of hygienic and quality street food and food streets.

(v) Establishment and upgradation of quality control laboratories.

(vi) Restructuring and strengthening of MFPI.

(vii) Rationalising tax structure.

(viii) Incentivising FDI and private investment in infrastructure.

(ix) Undertaking capacity building of small and unorganized sector.

(x) Liberalized wine and beer policy.

(xi) Launching a major promotional campaign for the food processing sector.

(xii) Need for larger public investment for creation of critical rural infrastructure in food processing sector.

The strategic interventions required for the growth of the food processing sector have been included in the Eleventh Plan proposals.

Requirement of food processing facilities

2883. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of food processing facilities and the availability of such facilities, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of products suffer from want of facilities leading to heavy loss to the producers/farmers;

(c) the allocation made for cold storages/warehousing facilities and how much has been utilized during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is a subsidy component in this process and if so, the details thereof?